

ings of God's Spirit in us directing us to Him.

Many are the assurances of the word that all who seek after God with all their hearts shall find Him. "Ask, and it shall be given you," said Christ; "seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out."

And he is "not far from every one of us." Just a heartfelt whisper will reach Him. Strange that anyone should neglect this transcendent opportunity of coming into vital connection with the eternal God! Sinner, feel after God. Reach out for Him; call upon Him with all your heart. He will make you conscious of His forgiving mercy and keeping power, and in the end you shall receive immortal life and endless blessedness.

## The Mission Field

To The National Mission Board of the Brethren Church

*Dear Brethren:* The undersigned on behalf of the members of the First Brethren Church of Washington, D. C., earnestly desire and petition that you assume the management and take such steps and devise such plans and means as you may think best to purchase a lot in this city, and to build a church on same. This conclusion has been reached principally because we feel that since this is a National work in the National Capital, and further because the funds are being raised from the general brotherhood, etc., therefore, it is right and proper to place this matter entirely in the hands of the General or National Board.

The congregation here pledges its most hearty co-operation and support, and requests that you take definite, aggressive action in this matter at our National Conference, Aug. 29 to Sept. 3, 1899. Provided, however, that this decision be not applied so as to interfere in any way with the efforts of the National S. S. C. E. relative to the same work, but rather that all may harmoniously co-operate.

We trust that this may meet with your approval, and we shall be pleased to turn over pledges, funds, etc., already secured, according as you may direct and advise, the church here reserving the right to hold local funds in its own treasury.

Signed, in behalf of The First Brethren Church of Washington, D. C.

W. M. LYON, Pastor.

R. I. GARBER, Sec.

*To all whom this may concern:* I have this day turned over into the hands of our dear brother J. C. Cassel, of Philadelphia, all of the funds that have been sent to me by those who have contributed to the church property fund for this city up to this date with the list of the names of the contributors; also a

list of names and addresses of all those who have sent in pledges to me that have not yet been redeemed. Hereafter we greatly desire to have all money sent direct to Brother Cassel. He will give credit and also publish in EVANGELIST. By doing this all of our dear brethren and sisters will confer a great favor on me as I wish to be relieved of all further care and responsibility along this line. Read the official report of National Conference as published in late EVANGELIST, if you have not yet done so, and you will see that this matter has all been given over into the hands of our National Board at the request of this mission, as we believe this to be a step in the right direction and that it will meet with the hearty approval of the general brotherhood.

W. M. LYON.

### Notes from Zed H. Copp

The church is alive and awake at work with coat off and sleeves rolled up and intends keeping at it in the divine strength until the victory is won. We are hoping, praying, working and trusting. New members keep coming in—some from Missouri and some from Indiana and Illinois. Pastors, please report to us all members who come to our city from your congregation, or within your knowledge. Many come here who are lost to the church because they don't know where to find us and we don't know where they are. We have accidentally found some, but many I believe are still lost. Dayton is a good sized village, having a census report of about eighty-seven thousand and one can easily get lost.

The prospects are very good for a large in-gathering during the revival which we hope to begin soon, and for which we ask your daily prayer. We hope to have some of the leading revivalists help us in this great harvest of souls. Just as soon as persons are definitely promised and dates fixed we will so announce.

The Ladies' Aid changed their name at the last meeting to the S. S. C. E. I believe the president will have somewhat to say about this herself in the near future. They are workers.

Who—person, society or congregation—will send us from one to one box of books, short religious books and tracts to be used in a house to house canvass as a free circulating library? Please write us what you intend doing to help in this much needed work. Paul said "Think of these things," yet but few now think of them because they will not read the Word, but if a short volume of some religions work were put into their hands it would stimulate a desire to know more of "these things," which could be cultivated into honest searching the scriptures. Fully one half canvassed so far claim they haven't the money to spare to buy such books, but would like to read them. Won't some one make us a present of about five hundred copies of Cook's "Titus?"

Next week we will report a deed of heroism by a Bear Creek brother well worth a

place among the greatest deeds of noble men.

Our special thanks to brother J. C. Ewing who is doing such valiant work for the Master in the spirit of musical genius for sending to our board something as substantial as the other kind of "do" and "tee." Brethren, please remember this work and its workers in daily prayer.

### Washington City Echoes

We come to you this week with good news, at least so to us. We are sure all will be glad to know that another precious soul in the Capital City has proclaimed allegiance to our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On Sunday morning the 17th inst., we met at the Bathing Beach in this city, and witnessed our pastor baptize a dear young lady who nobly came out on the Lord's side seeking light and truth. It was a beautiful morning, and as we stood on the beach in the bright sunlight, viewing the baptismal ordinance in the clear placid water, we were made to rejoice and to feel that the power of the Holy Spirit was still being manifested among his people. We are also glad to note that an increasing interest is being shown here in the general work. Our attendance, both in church services and Sunday school, is more promising and a greater spiritual interest is being evidenced, for which we are truly thankful.

It gives us pleasure to announce a new departure in mission work here. A couple of our young brethren for some time have been going out occasionally and seeking. We did not know exactly what their purpose was until recently. It now appears that they had become tired of "single blessedness" and have chosen their "better half" to share "double happiness." In evidence of the foregoing assertion we need only state that on the 26th inst., Mr. John S. Lyon, of this city, and Miss Florence E. Reeves, of Nineveh, Pa., were married at the latter place, and that on the 27th inst., Mr. Robert W. Cassady, of this city, and Miss Janie Harvey, of Sunnyside, Md., were married at the latter place. We tender both the above happy couples our heartiest congratulations, wishing them all the pleasures and bliss that wedded life can afford, and join with all their friends here in welcoming them to make their future home in our Capital City. This establishes a precedent in our little band here, which we have reason to believe will soon be followed up by "others," and it may keep us busy saving up our pennies to get wedding presents, but we don't want this to discourage any one, as we will try to be ready for all emergencies.

We cannot close these "Echoes" without reference to our much needed church building. We are glad to know that some action was taken at our late conference looking to the securing of same, and we hope and pray that interest may increase thru out the brotherhood until all needed funds shall be raised, and our building erected, in which we can worship and glorify God in helping many to find salvation.

R. I. GARBER.